

BIOGRAPHIC SKETCH

PAKISTAN
LTG Syed REFAQAT
November 1984

(U) NAME: Lieutenant General Syed (Phonetic: SAYAD) Refaat (variant: Sayyed Rafiqat or Rafiqhat) Pakistan Army No. 3708.

(U) POSITION: Director General Joint Staff since March 1983. Refaat succeeded MG Kamal Matipuddin.

SIGNIFICANCE: Prior to serving as Director General Joint Staff, Refaqt served as the Joint Staff's Director for Plans and was promoted to Lieutenant General (LTG) (May 1982) while in that position.



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POLITICS:

Refaat is considered to be a very professional soldier and probably apolitical in his outlook. At one point, about May 1980, he was appointed acting military governor for the Northwest Frontier Province.

(U) PERSONAL DATA: Refaquat was born on 1 July 1927 in Sambrial District Sialkot, Punjab, Pakistan. He is 5'5" tall, weighs 130 lbs, and has a medium build with no defects. Refaquat has black hair and eyes, wears a mustache and is right handed. He is married and he and his wife, the former Talat Jabeen, have two sons: Syed Ali Nadir age fourteen, and Syed Omer Nadir age eleven; and one daughter Saadia, age unknown but certainly younger than her brothers. The Refaquat's are muslims and as a family lead an austere life. They don't smoke or drink, nor eat pork. He is interested in hiking, riding, and photography and has published many articles on military/political topics. He speaks fluent English as well as his native Urdu.

CAREER: Refaquat was commissioned in the artillery branch of the Pakistan army on 8 March 1951.

the Command and Staff College, Quetta

In 1961 he graduated from

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In September 1974 Refaqt attended the US Defense Management Course at the Naval Post Graduate School at Monterey, California.

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Refaqt was awarded the Tamgha-i-Quaid-i-Azam (Medal of Quid-i-Azam) for meritorious services.

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